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SUBJ: VIOLENT STORM PALERMO AREA

1. ON OCTOBER 25 UNPRECEDENT HURRICANE PLAYED HAVOC WITH CITY OF PALERMO. FOR MORE THAN TWENTY FOUR HOURS CONTINUOUS RAINFALL. VIOLENT WINDGUSTS. AND WILD SEAS UPROOTED TREES FLOODED STREETS AND CAUSED OTHER DAMAGES. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH MAINLAND CUT AND ONLY FEW LOCAL LINES OPERATING. WATER AND ELECTRICITY PROBLEMS LOOMING.

2. MOST BADLY HIT IS THE PORT OF PALERMO WHERE HARBOR BREAK-WATER BROKE AT THE POINTS. NUMEROUS SSA VESSELS BROKE ANCHORAGE AND WERE REPORTED DRIFTING IN DEEP SEAS. AT THE SAME TIME TWO 50,000 TON DOCKYARDS AND A SMALLER 19,000 TON ONE WERE LIKEWISE DRIFTING OUT TO SEA THREATENING ALL NAVIGATION TO AND FROM PALERMO. ALL SHIPPING SERVICES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NIGHT FERRI TO NAPLES CANCELLED FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS. NON AMERICAN IN PORT. WHILE THE EXACT AMOUNT DAMAGES CANNOT BE ASSESSED AT THIS TIME, AN ESTIMATED LIRE 300 BILLION HAVE BEEN INDICTADED BY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES.

3. SMITHOSONIAN GROUP TRAVELLING ON GREEK VESSEL ARGONAUT
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ARE ALL SAFE, LODGED IN LA TORRE HOTEL MONDELLO, AND MAKING

PLANS DEPART PALERMO FOR ROME NEXT FEW DAYS BY AIR. SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTE INFORMED SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

4. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF AMERICAN CITIZEN CASUAL-
TIES OR INJURIES AMONG FOREIGN CREW MEMBERS OF SHIPS IN PORT.
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